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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN AND LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

1. DURING CALL ON MOHAMMAD NAIM, BROTHER OF PRESIDENT DAOUD, ON JANUARY 13, I USED GENERAL SUBJECT OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS TO RAISE LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. I NOTED THAT ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WAS IN DELICATE STAGE WHERE QUIET DIPLOMACY AND LESS PUBLIC RHETORIC WERE BOTH NECESSARY. CONCLUDING, I SAID I UNDERSTOOD ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT LAHORE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY.

2. NAIM EMPHATICALLY AGREED NOW WAS NO TIME FOR PROPAGANDA MEETING ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE NOR FOR ISSUING PROPAGANDISTIC RESOLUTIONS; CONSEQUENTLY, HE SAID GOA HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT LAHORE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. DECISION ON ATTENDANCE HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE; AND, IF GOA ATTENDS, NO DECISION MADE AS YET ON LEADERSHIP OF DELEGATION. ALTHOUGH Milder IN HIS COMMENTS ON
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BHUTTO THAN DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH USUALLY IS, NAIM SAID HE REGARDED

THE CONFERENCE LARGELY AS BHUTTO'S ATTEMPT TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH RICH ARABS. I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DELEGATIONS THAT AGREE THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT INFLAME ATMOSPHERE ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO PRODUCE A MODERATE STANCE BY THE CONFERENCE. NAIM REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR AFGHANISTAN TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE. (NAIM DID NOT MENTION PUSHTUNISTAN IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT ABDULLAH HAD EARLIER STATED AFGHANS DID WANT TO SPEAK AT LAHORE ABOUT PAKISTANI ACTIONS AGAINST PUSHTUNS AND BALUCHIS -- SEE KABUL 8387, NOTAL).

4. COMMENT: NAIM IS OF COURSE SEASONED, THOUGHTFUL DIPLOMAT. EVEN SO, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY AFGHAN DELEGATION NOT TO AIR ITS PROBLEMS ON PUSHTUNISTAN AT ANY ISLAMIC GATHERING, PARTICULARLY ONE HELD IN PAKISTAN.
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